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FOR: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF LEATHER AND SEMIFINISHED PRODUCTS, AND FORMULATIONS THAT ARE SUITABLE THEREFOR

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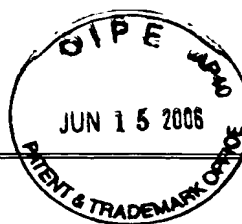
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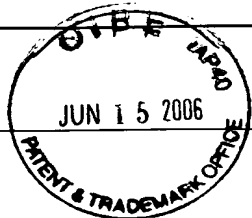
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#### STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

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- 3) References AR - AV & AW - AZ are discussed in the specification. A copy of these references is being submitted herewith.
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